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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 12:53 PM
To: 'Peter Bynarowicz'
Subject: RE: Duke Rate Hike

Dear Mr. Bynarowicz,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Peter Bynarowicz [mailto:Peter.Bynarowicz@psc.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 11:12 AM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Duke Rate Hike

Hello,

Duke Energy has proposed a 10% rate hike for consumers in the upstate. Duke's reasoning is to "improve infrastructure and invest in clean energy". This is absolutely unacceptable. Duke Energy Corp profited roughly \$9 billion in 2018, there is no reason they need more funds to make such improvements.

Also, during a recent snowstorm in the upstate, ten's of thousands of residence lost power for over 24 hours due to Duke's unmaintained transmission lines. This company does very little to provide it's customers proper service and should not be rewarded. Duke has a monopoly over the citizens of South Carolina, who already pay the nation's 5th highest utility bills.

Please reject this request by Duke Energy as it in no way is in the best interest of the citizens of South Carolina. Please act in behalf of those struggling everyday to make ends meet, and not in favor of a corporation who has no financial reason to make this request.

Peter Bynarowicz

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